

AN EARLY SAXON BROOCH FROM THORPE CLOUD

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An amateur using a metal detector on top of Thorpe Cloud, Derbyshire, has recently discovered a penannular brooch of Fowler (1963) type F¹ (Fig. 1). The diameter of the brooch at A is 76.2mm; at B, 69.6mm; and at C, 67.7mm. The pin has a barrel head and a clinched over loop with internal diameters of between 5.4mm and 6.1mm.

Despite the shallowness of its burial (no more than 3.8cms below the surface) the brooch is in an excellent condition, and may be attributed to the 5th century AD.

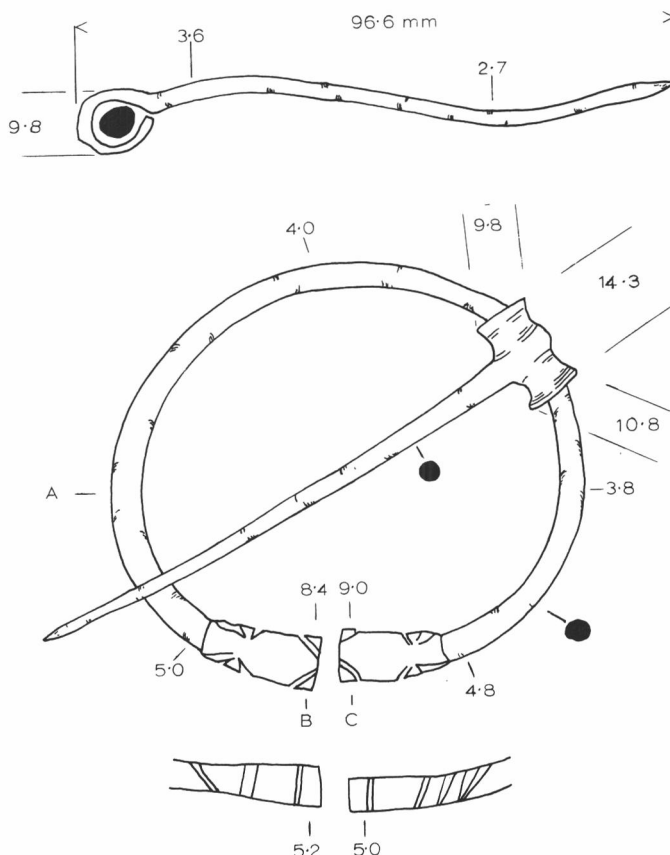


Fig. 1 An early Saxon brooch from Thorpe Cloud. Measurements in millimetres.

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